Work with a stout heart and resolute will.

A STRANGE EXPERIENCE.

CHAPTER I. My name-is not Norval, nor have I ever in any way been associated with the Grampian hills-but my name is Oscar Hockersmith. You will at once perceive that there is nothing in such a name, but if any man has ever passed through an experience similar to the one which I am going to relate, he would do me a great kindness by at once communicating with me.

One day I arrived at Cregmore, a little old town on the upper Arkansaw river. After taking breakfast at a hotel, the proprietor of the house came to me and said that as I had no baggage, I would be compelted to pay in advance. Baggage, indeed!" I exclaimed. "Have my trunk sent up, if you please."

"You brought no baggage, sir." "Then it has not arrived. It will soon be here, for I am sure it arrived, having seen it delivered to a wagoner at the depot. I have no money with me. I hope that you appreciate my position, sir." He doubtfully shook his head and walked away. This annoyed me not a little and I wondered if the fellow who had taken my trunk had run away with I had no check, and I knew that I might have trouble in recovering my property. Just as I turned to go out, an old gentleman whom I suddenly encountered, threw up his hands and exclaimed: "My God!

"What is the matter?" "Oh, sir, if I did not know that my son Norval was dead, I would think in you he had returned. He was killed in the army.

He regarded me closely and in a quieter tone continued: "I have never before seen such a resemblance. Same eyes, nose, moutheverything. man a favor?" I replied that I would favor him in any possible way.
"Then come with me to my house.

want my wife to see you." I told him of the perplexing situation in which I was placed "Here, Mr. Bunch!" he exclaimed. calling the proprietor. "Look at this Poesn't he look exactly like my man.

son Norval:" Exactly, only he is much older. is more than twenty years since Norval money to bet at poker, you have failed to went into the army. ing to me. "Peor boy, he was killed at | idea to punish men for lying, and now Antictam. I want you to go home with since you have reminded me of your unme. I will stand good for your bill." old gentleman, for I am really in an em- | Your honor, make me out a warrant of barrassing position. I fear that fellow arrest, please." has stolen my trunk, but if you will go with me to the town officer, I will afterward go with you." town marshal, who, after listening to my | beat any of you. I'll pay the ten dol-

"You didn't come in on the train." livered my trunk to a tall negro who low, and am silling to see him turned walked with a limp, and who, if I re- loose." member correctly, had an impediment in one, covered with black leather." came up on a boat, for I saw you when | please accompany me home." has not been a train in for two days."

train. Then, turning to the old gentle- said but little. man, whose named I had learned was Metford, I announced my readiness to room, a man was shown up by one of semblance between his son and myself, to a neighbor's house. that he had paid but little attention to the disparity of statements concerning the manner of my arrival.

Mr. Metford lived in an attractive old place, not far from the river. When we entered the gate, a woman came out on the gallery and in a moment, after secing me, clasped her hands and leaned against a post. As we approached she uttered a shrick and sprang toward me. The old gentleman, gently taking hold of

'Come, Mary, don't give way to your fellings. This is—you have not told me your name, sir. Ah, yes," when I had told him, "this is Mr. Oscar Hockersmith. I wanted you to see him on account of the perfect likeness he bears to Norval. Come in, sir," he continued, leading the way. We entered a comfortably furnished room. The old lady could not keep her eyes off me.

"Poor Norval," she repeated over and over again. "Poor child. Oh, sir, if I did not know that he was killed-oh, sir, are you not indeed he?" "Be quiet, Mary," said the old gentleman. "Don't become excited. Let us måke it pleasant here for Mr. Hockersmith, and perhaps he will remain several days with us. Tell us something

about yourself, Mr. Hockersmith?" "I was born in Richmond, Va.," I replied, "and my parents died when I was quite young. I went into the army and was wounded by a piece of shell at Shiloh. After the war I went home, but found that the uncle with whom I had lived, was reduced almost to a penninless condition. He did not tong survive, and there being nothing in Richmond to particularly bind me to the place, I wandered away and have never returned. I have come to this State to look after the land interests of a corporation, and, as soon as my business is completed, I shall go back to St. Louis.

"Until then," said Mrs. Metford, "you must remain at our house. Although I know that you are not our son, vet to see you here revives and iliustrates a memory that is so dear-" Here the poor woman completely broke down. "Mary?" said the old gentleman, appreaching her and stroking her hair, "don't give way to your feelings. I

would not have urged him to come but I knew that if I did not, you in the event of hearing of this wonderful likeness, would never forgive me. Don't give She became calm, but every time she looked at me, I could see her lip quiver.

'What a pity, that I am not your son,' "Any man, aside from natural affection, would feel proud of such a mother " I thought of the dead son and of what a splendid home his death had made cheerless, and I almost wisned that I had told the old couple that I was really their Norval, whose death was erroneously announced. After dinner, to which I was induced

to remain, we were sitting in the parlor when a foud knock on the front door caused a momentary flutter of excitement. Mr. Metford, who answered the summoas, soon returned accompanied by the town marshal. Approaching me, and placing his ungentle hand on my shoulder, he said: "I want you."

"Want me?" I asked in surprise. "Yes, I want you." "What right have you to want me, as

you term it?" He took out a paper and handed it to me. It was a warrant, arresting me on a charge of willfully and maliciously dea charge of willfully and maliciously de-ceiving the people of Cregmore. It was replaced to resist, and although the old it on the floor and with my hands useress to resist, and although the old gentleman and his wife protested against such an indignity being imposed on a clasped around it, I lay down and prayed. A feeble little glim flickered was heard the banging of shutters, the closer to the side, but the Mississippian was such an indignity being imposed on a guest of their house, yet by the feeling-less ruffian I was led away and lodged

to task a village that would stubbornly shut its eyes and allow the perpetration of such outrages. The town marshal swore that I did not come by rail, that no train had come in since two days before; that I had come on a steamboat. steamer was present—and that I had no went into the army. trunk. The captain, a very gentlemanly looking fellow, arose and astonished me

with the following statement:

into the generosity of presenting the God? man a ticket, nor to tell him that he planned such joy? My mother enters might take his own time in paying me; but I did tell him that he would be compelled to pay his passage in advance. He declared that he had no money, but | that if I would let him come up as a Work! thou shalt ride over Care's coming | deck passenger, he would, upon reaching this place, get the money from a through the hallway. There stands my friend and pay me. It's only a small amount and I should not have mentioned it but for the fact that the marshal came when I was a boy. Yes, my name is down and asked me about the strange | Norval."-Arkansaw Traveler.

fellow. "What have you to say concerning these statements?" asked the justice. "Nothing, only that they are not true," replied. "As I tell you, I came here by rail, arriving yesterday morning." Then I became indignant. "All right, have it your way," said I. "One man cannot stand up against so many. If I deserve punishment, fine me and I will go on the rack pile or the convict farm and work it out. "I don't exactly see how you have

iolated the law," replied the magistrate, ooking at me with almost an expression "You have not obtained money remarked the steamboat man, "I am not gest a dramatic subject for a poet: anxious. I would not have him punished

The town marshal shifted and twisted nimself around in his chair. I could see that he did not like the change which had come over the court. "Your honor," said he, "this man also made false statements to Mr. Bunch, proprietor of the hotel. He obtained board under false pretenses." I understood him. He would urge

charges against me merely to defend his own position. 'Judge," said a voice that I knew Looking around, I saw Mr. Metford. Everyone waited for him to speak. "I met Mr. Hockersmith at the hotel yesterday morning. On account of the won-derful resemblance which he bears to my son Norval-"

"Yes," replied the judge. Norval, I saw him buried. "On account of that resemblance, continued Mr. Metford, "I invited Mr. Hockersmith to accompany me home, He explained his embarrassment, and I told Mr. Bunch that I would stand Will you please do an old good for the bill. So, that charge is wined out." 'That's all very well, gentlemen," ex-

claimed the town marshal, "but we I can't allow fellows to come in this way. I believe that a man should be punished for lying just the same as he ought to be for stealing. That's my ticket.' "I am glad to hear you speak so cour-

months ago, vowing that you would return the money within a week. Yet, not-"Yes, but you must remember that it | withstanding the fact that you have had "Poor boy," turn- keep your promise. Yes, it is a vrry good truthfulness, I think it would be well to "I feel under many obligations to you, | act upon your conception of justice.

For a time the marshal know not what know me," he replied. He agreed and we called upon the stranger. I didn't come here and try to statement, looked at me suspiciously and lars; don't fret about that. I don't think it is right to hop on a man that's trying to protect the community against "But, sir, I know that I did, I de- fraud. I've got nothing against this fel-

"I am glad to hear you say so," rehis speech. The trunk-and I would joined Mr. Metford, "You needn't make know it among a thousand-is a large out the warrant, judge. Well, Mr. Hockersmith," turning to me, "as there "Look here," said the officer, "you is nothing against you here, you will When we again went to the house, come by fail, for as there are several Mrs. Metford's lip trembled. They wash-outs above and below here, there would not hear to my leaving them, so I remained all night. The next morning on the white and anxious faces of This statement was insulting, yet I I awoke with a burning fever. Then I struggled to conceal my resentment. Of- went into a state of delirium and for ficials, in small towns, are generally nar- several weeks I knew nothing. When I row minded, dogmatic men, and I cared not to dispute him farther than to reaffirm that I came in on the morning that I talked incoherently, therefore I

One day while I was sitting in my "Don't you know me?" said the

fore " I replied He looked at me and smiled sadly. "What do yo mean, I asked?" Abe Catham?"

would recognize me." this is the first time we have ever

He shook his head and muttered something which sounded to me like "poor fellow." Then he startled me by saying: "I have been your keeper

souri Insane asvlum." Louis land man."

just come to light. You were wounded seed raisers. at the battle of Antictam." "Shiloh."

Hockersmith was reported to be wounded. wound, found to be hopelessly among the reliables." You went to Richmoud, insane.

but your supposed relatives spurned you, so I have heard; and, after wandering around, you went to Missouri and was placed in an insane asylum where you they do the vegetables produced from to have the lead on the Mississippian, remained until a few weeks ago when you escaped. Your name, I have learned, s Norval Metford, and I have come to tell your parents, after satisfying myself ctables to the market. All the seed Mississippian was seen to approach the The room began to turn around. The man's voice sounded away oft at a great annually amounts to millions and the but both were cool, brave soldiers-two distance. He seemed to be shouting, but I could not catch his words. Then some one, dressed in red tight breeches, tors built and the trade carried on in ended by the Georgian dancing with the came in and danced on the back of a

chair. A blacksmith led in a horse and began to shoe him. His bellows roared and his anvil rang so loud that I had to put my fingers in my ears. His fire began to gradually darken, and, with a sudden puff it went out, leaving me in a blackness of atmosphere. I groped around, but could find no opening in the wall. I cried aloud for a lamp and I cursed the Burlingame's intimate friend, attracted out in the blood of the other, and that a blacksmith for allowing his fire to go out a large audience to the House of Repreduct to the duel to the death should be arranged at with such a cruel puff. Crawling around on my hands and knees, I found a match. I kissed it. I pressed it to my heart. Thank God!" I cried. 'Thank God that once more there shall be light in the Tears streamed from my eyes. had dampened it, and with the feeblest little glow, it died away, leaving me in despair. I heard a voice, low and "Who are you?" I asked.

A tear fell on my forehead, and clasping my hands, I turned my face upward. Whose tears are those falling upon me!" I cried. The voice, soft and sweet sang, but the tears continued to fall. "Oh, can you not give me a lamp!" I cried in agony. Something touched me. It was a lamp, cold and dark, but I hugged it close to me and took care lest between my fingers. The lamp grew warm. I removed my hands. The little blaze flickered, and then yes, oh, little blaze flickered, and then yes, oh, glories of heaven, then-there came a giant burst of light, a flood of magnifi-The next day I was arraigned before a cent illumination. I lay on a bed. The justice of the peace, who requested me to sun shone into the room. A face-my town. I did so, telling him to the best of my recellection. I teld him clearly mother's face was bowed over me. "Thank God!" she exclaimed and enof my recollection. I told him about circled my neck with her loving arms, losing my trunk, and I ventured to take My father was there, too, looking upon

"There, dear," said my mother, "keep very quiet. For weeks you have hov-ered between life and death." I closed my eyes and warm recollections poured over me. I could rememthe "Farmer Boy"—the captain of which | ber it all; how I left that dear home and

on the grassy slope where I played so many years ago. There is the old tree self Hockersmith, came to me and said I hear my mother singing in the sitting-

and presses her lips upon my brow. You haven't the slightest symptoms of ever, Norval, dear," she says. Angelic woman! She cannot keep her arms from around my neck when she comes near me. Now she goes singing Something has father at the gate. amused him, for he laughs as he did

The Last Day of the Year 1000.

It was believed in the middle ages that the world would come to an end at the expiration of one thousand years of the Christian era. This expectation in Christian countries was universal. The year 1000 was a period of suspense, terror and awe. The histories of this dark period give vivid accounts and incidents of the state of the people under the influence of this awful apprehension. A writer in Sunday at Home reproduces the picture with much distinctness, and relates an incident of the manner that the hours were numbered on the supposed final "So far as his passage is concerned," night of the year, which might aptly sug-When the last day of the year 999 dawned the madness had attained its height. All work of whatever kind was suspended. The market places were de-The serted. The shops were shut.

tables were not spread for meals; the very household fires remained unlighted. Men when they met in the streets scarcely saw or spoke to one another. Their eyes had a wild stare in them, as though they expected every moment some terrible manifestation to take place. Silence prevailed everywhere, except in the churches, which were already thronged with eager devotees, who prostrated themselves before the shrines of their favorite saints, imploring their pro-

tection during the fearful scenes which

they supposed were about to be displayed As the day wore on, the number o those who sought admission grew greater and greater, until every corner of the sacred edifices, large as these were, was densely crowded, and it became impossible to find room for more. But the multitude outside still strove and clamored for admission, filling the porches and doorways, and climbing up the buttresses to find a refuge on the roofs which they could not obtain in-

the text which binds men to watch because "they know not whether the master of the house will come at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, ageously," rejoined Mr. Metford. "You or in the morning," was presented by borrowed ten dollars of me about two the multitudes which filled the churches Watch in very truth they did. Not

an eye was closed throughout that

lengthened virgil; not a knee but was bent in humblest supplication; not a voice but joined the penitential chant, or put up a fervent entreaty for help and and then, after being up long enough to protection. There were no clocks in those days, but the flight of the hours was marked by great waxen tapers with metal balls attached at intervals to them. These fell, one after another, as the flame

reached the strings by which they were secured, into a brazen basin beneath, At the recurrence of each of these warning sounds the awe of the vast assembly seemed to deepen and intensify, as each in terrible suspense supposed that between him and the outourst of divine wrath only the briefest interval now remained. At last the night, long as it was, be-

gan to draw to an end. The chill air, and in the eastern sky the first pale and Dr. J. L. Corning has invented an gleam of morning began to show itself. instrument in the form of a collar for the The light grew stronger in the heavens, same purpose. fore it, and at last the rays of the rising sun streamed through windows the watchers. The night had passed away. A new day, a new year, a new century, had begun. The text that says hour," had a new meaning.

The Seed Business.

"If the seed business increases with accompany him. He had been so ab- the servants. Mr. and Mrs. Metford the next twenty-five years as it has for sorbed in the contemplation of the re- were away from home, having gone over that period past, railroads will be anxious to secure the transportation to different sections as they now are that of cotton and grain," said a New York whole-"I don't think that I ever saw you be- sale seedsman to a Mail and Express representative. "The business almost doubles itself every quarter of a century. Years ago the few hothouses around "I mean nothing offensive. You know tried selling seed as an experiment. The experiment has now grown to be a perma-"Never heard of him." nent and great industry. Cabber with good effect. The explanation bage seeds rank foremost as an article of seems to be that a simple monotonous Next comes cauliflower. Any soil 'liow can I recognize you, sir, when that will grow cabbage will grow cauli-Twenty-five years ago it was hardly known. To-day one firm has 250 pounds of seed, which at the price of \$8 per ounce, foots up a value of \$32,000 stowed away in deposit vaults. By the time this seed is sold and distributed, it will have produced under favorable con-

sold at the average price of six cents a "Yes; I am connected with the Mis- head, will have yielded nearly \$500,-Better soil, however, is required, and keeper, but I can assure you that I have more work in raising than with the cab- ployed to discover and remove it. Sonever seen the institution. I am a St. bage. This vegetable is merely a higher order of the cabbage and bids fair in "Let me tell you something that has time to be the greatest source of profit to

"Celery is third on the list of staple vegetables. As the manner of treating "At Antietam. You and a young Vir- the celery crop for the last few years has ginian, who to some extent resembled been much simplified, an unexpected imyou-a man named Hockersmith fell petus has been given to the sale of the close to each other. In the report of seed. The famous white plume celery is the killed and wounded, you were put crisp, solid and has a peculiar walnutty down on the dead list and this man flavor. It has an unprecedented sale Next come the onion and pea, followed You had been struck by a piece of shell by beans, potato, squash and spinach.

was upon recovery of the Tomato and turnip are also considered "One would think that the seed trade would diminish in time, as people would the rivalry of the two soldiers for the save their seed?"

them are of a stunted and dwarfish kind. | and when the dancers were called to take Seed seem to mature better in a hot- their places he led the belle of the valley house. Florida is the first to send veg- to a place in the set. At this point the whence they have sprung is carried from | couple and heard to claim the lady's hand Northern hothouses. The trade in seed | for the dance. An altercation ensued, profits are considerable. I think in time of the best shots in the army-who did to come there will be garden-seed cleva- not believe in a war of words. So it was bulk instead of in paper packages.

A Dramatic Scene.

Ben: Perley Poore, in the Boston Bud-Congress during the exciting times Burlingame's intimate friend, attracted out in the blood of the other, and that a sentatives on the 7th of February, 1861. He was one of the youngest representatives, theatrical and demonstrative, and he regarded himself as the greatest orator in the capitol. speaking, a gust of wind swept over the I tried to light the match. The tears capitol, and the fierce wrath of the elements made itself heard above the clear tones of his voice. Suddenly a great crash was heard overhead, and the crowded galleries started with appre-It was feared that roof of the House was about to blow off, and many rushed out of the hall. In a moment it was announced that a derrick had fallen, and the scared people came positions without a tremor. The moon back again. It was a tempestuous scene for an hour or two. The air grew dark, and the gas was lighted overhead, while the loud roar of the tempest was heard,

and the roof seemed to rock and tremble with the blast. Toward night the fury of the wind bebreeze from the top of the Washington sissippian still held his position but he monument, was torn from the staff and did not fire. The Georgian protested sent flying. All over the city, from that he had not come there to murder hotel roofs and public buildings, and him, but no answer was returned. The wherever the national colors were unfurled, they were torn in shreds by the fury of the wind, and a more general through the eye on the first discharge of distribution of the star-spangled banner | the weapons. Death it seems had been never was seen. Roofs were blown off, instantaneous, so much so as not even to stables were shaken to pieces, chimneys disturb his equilibrium. I may forget were blown down, and so wide and general some things, but the midnight duel on was the ruin of telegraph poles, that no the top of a spur of the Blue Ridge, with squares.'

The foot passengers in the streets had a hard time of it. In every direction you could see them buffeting the blast, I am sitting in my room looking out on the grassy slope where I played so many years ago. There is the old tree blown in the desired direction with a bis eyelids and eyebrows, and uses bellated blown in the desired direction with a bis eyelids and eyebrows, and uses bellated blown in the desired direction with a bis eyelids and eyebrows, and uses bellated blown in the desired direction with a bis eyelids and eyebrows, and uses bellated blown in the desired direction with a bis eyelids and eyebrows, and uses bellated blown in the desired direction with a bis eyelids and eyebrows, and uses bellated blown in the desired direction with a bis eyelids and eyebrows, and uses bellated blown in the desired direction with a bis eyelids and eyebrows, and uses bellated blown in the desired direction with a bis eyelids and eyebrows, and uses bellated blown in the desired direction with a bis eyelids and eyebrows, and uses bellated blown in the desired direction with a bis eyelids and eyebrows, and uses bellated blown in the desired direction with a bis eyelids and eyebrows, and uses bellated blown in the desired direction with a bis eyelids and eyebrows, and uses bellated blown in the desired direction with a bis eyelids and eyebrows, and uses bellated blown in the desired direction with a bis eyelids and eyebrows, and uses bellated blown in the desired direction with a bis eyelids and eyebrows. before yesterday, this man, who calls him- where I used to swing in the cool shade. momentum which was as unexpected as donna to make his eyes dazzling to beuncomfortable. Scores of hatless gen-tlemen were seen despairingly chasing less a decided and persistent fool, known less a decided and persistent fool, kn

Who but a God could have REMEDIES FOR INSOMNIA

Hair Pillows to be Preferred to Feathers. — Various Methods of Cooling the Brain.

When I was a student, says a writer in he New York Sun, I suffered much from sleeplessness, and, after trying many T dis remedies, I hit upon this one: arded my feather pillow for one of hair. The effect was wonderful. I slent soundly the whole of the first night, and have never since, except when feverish, been o wakeful as I usually was before. Alhough feathers are excellent for preventing the dispersion of the heat of the ody, so much fault has been found with feather beds that they have quite generally gone out of use, and it is strange that feather pillows have not been sent after them. Feathers in pillows are open to the same objections as feathers in beds, and even their chief virtue, that of keeping up a high temperature, is a defect certainly when blood heat by being buried in feathers and the other half is exposed being buried to the air, both halves cannot be at the most favorable temperature. A hair pilcomfortable degree, because it rapidly of baking might be observed. the head. Since hair pillows are not yet in common use, it might be supposed erable inconvenience. But fortunately need burn his bread or pastry. hair bosters are more common, and if the good for the sleeper. If a hair bolster | world the annual rainfall is about seventy-

fortable head rest by putting the pillow half an hour's vigorous performance bed. The majority of cases of sleep- about fifty-one feet. lessness occur among persons who use their muscles but little, and for very many taking more exercise is the best remedy. Sleep can sometimes be brought on by simply warming the body, especially the feet; the drowsiness caused by sitting in a warm room is an instance. The blood may be drawn to the skin by a cold shower or sponge bath, followed by rubbing with a coarse towel. Getting out of bed for a few minutes when the air is cool will often bring relief. I have lain awake half the night asleep at once on going back to bed. Perhaps the lemonade should have part of the credit. On hot summer nights a cold bath will reduce the bodily temperature so as to admit of sleep. If the skin is not wiped quite dry, the evaporating moisture will increase the cooling effect. A light lunch just before going to bed relieves the brain by drawing the blood to the stomach, and, the inclination to dose after a meal is explainabl in this way. Diminishing the cerebral circulation by compression of the carotid arteries is advised by some physicians. Lying on the back with a doubled pillow

placed against the back of the neck so as to tip the head forward will effect this, circulation of the blood, coldness of the feet is a natural accompaniment of sleeplessness, and one means of cure may be made to serve both ends. Bathing the feet in hot water is such a means, but after a few hours a reaction is liable to set in, which will send the blood from the feet to the head and cause the sleeper to awake. It is better to take advantage of the reaction which follows a cold foot-bath with vigorous rubbing of the feet, both in the water and with The stimulus thus given to

the circulation in the feet will be more permanent. I have found walking just before bedtime beneficial, and when I do not wish to go outdoors I raise myself sharply on my toes to the full stretch fifty or more times. A paragraph has recently been in circulation to the effect that a continuous low noise favors sleep; the sound of water dropping on a brass pan has been prescribed by a physician with good effect. The explanation impression quiets the brain by occupying it to the exclusion of more varied and interesting, and therefore stimulating, impressions. On the same principle are the devices of counting forward or backward, imagining sheep jumping one by one through a gap, etc. but they are open to the objection of causing one portion of the brain to be ditions nearly 8,000,000 plants, which, if exerted in order to control the rest of it. If the hygienic measures which have been described fail to induce sleep, probably some form of disease stands in the way, and a physician should be emporific drugs should be regarded as a last resort, for, unless skilfully 'used, they produce a stupor rather than a refreshing sleep. Do not take a narcotic or nostrum at random because somebody says it is good to make you sleep; one

narcotic is injurious where another is beneficial, and the chances are that you will choose one which will do you more harm than good.

A Midnight Duel. An old ex-Confederate soldier describes in the Athens (Ga.) Banner a duel which took place between two young soldiersone from Georgia and the other from The duel was caused by smiles of a village belle at a dance. The lady, and the significant remark of the this set.

Mississippian that 'I will see you after "When the dance was over the Georgian was seen to seek the Mississippian, et, thus narrates a dramatic incident in and together they each called a friend from the crowd and departed. When outside both claimed that an insult had Henry Winter Davis, of Maryland, Mr. | been passed, which could only be wiped once. A full moon was just appearing above the tops of the surrounding forest, and I tell you this talk of blood in the other day!"-Rochester Democrat. the silence of the night was anything but pleasant. No argument, however, would avail with these men, so it was arranged that the duel should take place on top of the Blue Ridge, near the centre of the road that passes through the gap; that the weapons should be pistols at fifteen paces, and to fire at or between the words one, two, three,' firing to continue until

"The point was reached, the ground measured off, and the men took their shed its pale light down on a scene never to be forgotten. A moment or two and the silence was broken by the signal: "One, two, three." At the word "one" the report of two pistols rang out on the midnight air, but the principals maintained their respective positions. The wire was left working south of Wash- its attendant circumstances, is not one of them.

A Musical Crank.

There is a celebrated musical compose in New York city to-day who wears cor

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

A Georgia inventor has invented fireproof cotton bagging, the use of which will very much reduce the insurance rates on cotton. It is called "antiphlogan," and is said to be cheaper than he jute or gunny-bagging now used. To test the purity of water there has been found no better or simpler way than to fill a clean pint bottle three-fourths full of the water to be tested, and dissolve in the water half a teaspoonful of the purest sugar-loaf or granulated will answer-cork the bottle, and place it in a warm place for two days. If for two." in twenty-four to forty-eight hours the water becomes cloudy or milky it is unfit for domestic use.

It has been proved beyond all doubt

that waters which circulate or stand in leaden pipes or vessels not only take up particles of lead through mechanical action due to friction, but attacks the metal because of the affinity of several of their constituents, the result being generally lead carbonate. Minute quantities of lead introduced into the system must in a pillow; certainly when of lead introduced into the system must one-half of the head is kept at rank among the factors of anemia and defective nutrition in large towns. The electric light is being used to light ways existed among bakers to get a light low does not get warmed up to an un- into their dark ovens, so that the progress conducts away the heat imparted to it by | candescent lamps, driven by a Victoriawhere the temperature ranges from 400 | left hand and disemboweled it with a that a person accustomed to the use of to 500 degrees Fahrenheit. The oven gold-plated spoon. one would either have to take it with door contains a sheet of plate glass, him every time he was to be away from | through which the whole of the oven is | home for a few nights, or suffer consid- distinctly visible. The baker now never of every man of taste. The sea-egg is pillow is thrown aside the bolster will | better supplied by the clouds than Europe | choicest dish. The species most in de-

s lacking, the end of the mattress may seven inches, while in tropical South According to most, but not all, medi- to Sierra Nevada it is mostly twelveto sixtivity depend on the circulation of a Britain is thirty-five inches; that of France large quantity of blood through the twenty to twenty-one inches; but about gee, where over a small area the yearly | contributed to its growth." of light gymnastics just before going to fall of rain is more than 610 inches, or The process of swallowing food in serpents is painfully slow and somewhat flesh is always in demand. It is clear, peculiar. For how is an animal without white and firm, just like that of a turlimbs or molars to swallow its prey, which is often much larger than its own Thus the boa-constrictor seizes body? the head of its victim with its sharp, re-

curving teeth, and crushes the body with its overlapping coils, then slightly uncoiling and covering the carcass with a slimy mucus, it thrusts the head into its | we have, yet only on the Connecticut and mouth by main force, the mouth stretch- in a few towns are they eaten. In olden ing marvelously, the skull being loosely put together. One jaw is then unfixed and the teeth withdrawn, by being show you that I am right oushed forward, when they are again fastened farther back on the animal. The other jaw is then protruded, and then refastened, and thus, by successive movedrawn into the gullet.

Nubla and the Nubians. The banks of the Nubian Nile vary with every mile, and beautiful are they in diversity of color and combination, though that beauty partakes of a sterner quality than in the landscape of Egypt. Nowhere can be seen the rich fields, which stretched on either shore away to the feet of the Lybian hills. They have disappeared, and in their stead rise from the water's depths tall cliffs in broken precipice and crag, or the river owning In view of what has been said about free bonds, flows majestically on beneath have the gorges of the desert hills for channels, and the wind, which ever silently drifts them whither will for current. Poverty

tilled with zealous care by the scanty the villages and temples have been placed upon the shelving rock or desert sand, where none but the lizzards could | and some are delicious. begrudge their presence. Every inch of of spare land whereon to place their villages, good sooth, there is enough. Yet poor though the Nubian is, his wants are few, and his thrifty ways make poverty a light burden to him. Travel where he will for hire or trade, he leaves his heart in his wild home of Nubia, and returns thither when fortune allows. No music has for him so great a charm as the melancholy creation of the waterwheels, the constant plaint of which grease is never permitted to diminish, all that he can get being devoted to the Nature, who refuses him to dream of ought but lean kine when he thinks of doura fields, has given to his land the abundance of date palms, and on fruit he virtually subsists. Little cares an Ibreemee palm for the desert's envy, but | snowing. spreading its feathery leaves above the sand or rock gives to its planter the Then you have missed a treat. In the much-prized fruit which enables him south of Africa they are caught on lime

to eke out the slender harvests of the fields. Why Bismarck Admired Fleury. The stories that Bismarck likes best are those of men who have outwitted mobs. During the siege of Paris, while he was at Versailles, a pass was applied for by a relative of M. Cuvillier Fleury, the eminent critic and member of the French academy. The chancellor at once gave the pass, saying: "M. Fleury is an admirable man. I know a capital story about him." The story was this: M. Fleury, who had been a tutor to the Duc d'Aumale, was in 1848 private secretary to the Duchess of Orleans. When the revolutions of February broke out, a pie, supposed to be hare. In fact, every-rabble invaded the Palais Royal, where body thought it was hare, and wouldn't the princess resided, and began smashing ask what it was for fear of being conworks of art, pictures, statuettes, and sidered behind the time. It struck me nicknacks. All the household was seized as being something very fine, and I dewith panic except M. Fleury, who, throwing off his coat, smeared his face and host, who was a friend of mine, and hands with coal, caught up a poker and | said: 'Bob, I must have the rules for ooker upon furniture of no value and, thus winning the confidence of the roughs, was able to lead them out of the sons I kept it to myself at the time, but royal apartments into the kitchen regions, where they spent their fury upon the contents of the larder and cellar. The | -and the puma is nothing but a big cat. sequel of this story is very droll, and In fact, all these animals are good cat-Bismarck relates it with great relish. A ing. Royal, M. Fleury was recognized in the minds me of a dinner we had in Troy ew days after he had saved the Palais street as the Duchess of Orleans' secretary and mobbed. He was being some curean club there, and we had a man for

what roughly hustled, when a hulking | cook that was king of his art, and had water-carrier elbowed his way through orders to put on every new dish he could the throng and roared: "Let that man | get. So this night-we met every Saturbe! He is one of the right sort. He day—we had some guests. One was from led us to the pillage of the Palais Royal the Beefsteak club, of London, and

Fighting in the Desert. The manœuvres of the British in the desert preparing for the enemy, are thus

described by Cameron: "Continually does the column halt, lismount and prepare to meet the enemy, and on these occasions there is always a race between the mounted infantry and guard regiments as to who shall be first in square. The formation finally adopted cut into it, and there we were, like the

"Thus an enemy charging cannot get

the underground Conestoga." in among the camels without being enfiladed by one or other face of the

The best thing to give your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to a child, a good example; to a father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make sets, paints his cheeks and lips, blacks her proud of you; to yourself, respect;

self Hockersmith, came to me and said that he would like to go up the river as far as Cregmore; that he was employed by a St. Louis land corporation, and that as his baggage had somehow failed to arrive, he was without money. Of course rive, he was without money. Of course could not allow this story to affect me

THE CHAT OF AN EPICURE. TALK WITH A MAN WHO HAS EATEN

Strange and Outlandish Dishes - Sea

"I can give you sea-eggs to-day, sir, said a waiter to my friend as we seated ourselves in an up-town cafe, writes a New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Times. "Good," was the reply, "and let it be "Land eggs are well enough for me,"

suggested, knowing the somewhat re-

markable taste of my comrade. "If you have never eaten sea-eggs," he protested, "you should not allow another day to pass over your head; it's a positive sin to neglect the offerings of nature. Ah, here they are," and the waiter placed upon the table a silver dish mounted i upon a spirit-lamp that, uncovered, displayed four oval sea-eggs, or echini, deprived of their spines and polished white, the oval balls upon which the spines worked shining like silver, and at the top of the five eye-plates, with the bakers' ovens. A great difficulty has al- little madreporic sieve, had been removed, forming a small chimney, like the crater of a volcano, out of which rose mysterious fumes of the sea-egg. "Where did you contract this habit?" Brush machine, are placed inside an oven | I asked, as he took one of the eggs in his

"Contract it?" was the reply; "why, love for such things is inborn in the soul an inheritance from the Greeks and Ro- and welcome," four "laughter," six Considering its extent, America is mans-our ancestors. It was their raise the head probably as high as is and Africa. In the tropics of the old mand are the sea melon of Corsica or Echinus melo. In Naples they much esteem Echinus lividus, while at the be raised high enough to make a com- America it is 155 inches. In the eastern | French ports many eat the esculentus United States it is forty to fifty inches; and granulasus. In point of fact," said but west of the one hundredth meridian my friend, "while we have advanced in the arts and sciences we have retrograded cal writers, wakefulness and mental ac- teen inches. The annual average of Great in 'gastronomy.' The majority of people will reject a dish because the original animal is disagreeable. Now, this brain, and the flow of blood must be the Alps it is mostly thirty-five to fifty is manifestly foolish. If you follow it essened before sleep can come on. I inches. Farther from the coast, in out, why not reject the baked potato have obtained special benefit from central Germany and Russia, it is only that grows in the ground and is often night a servant." In Gaul, among the drawing the blood to the muscles by fifteen to twenty inches. The moistest served surrounded with a goodly amount means of a brisk walk or a quarter to climate known is in India, at Cherrapon- of the original earth and bone dust that

"Now, take snakes. Some of the large boas that I have eaten in South key, and why should you object simply because it is a snake? You esteem the turtle, that is as much a reptile, and yet the snake is to be neglected, and, indeed, some go so far as to refuse eels because they resemble snakes. The lamprey cel is one of the finest edible fishe times thousands of dollars were paid for them by the epicures of the day. To a dish of potted served striped snakes at a dinner last summer

and every man at the table wanted to know how it was done. One fellow ments, the prey is slowly and spirally offered my cook \$50, but it's a state secret so far. But let me tell you that record is found in the fourth grade of boned snake and frog, pressed with alternate layers of hare, and served cold ney, a little girl twelve years of age. with guava, will surprise you. I take | Shortly after entering school her teacher, the ground that all things that taste well Miss Ella Ely, discovered that she aland are good for us should be eaten. | ways read with her books upside down, There is nothing more delicious than a and that while writing she invariably caviare of the great mygale's eggs of placed the copy in the same position and South America, and indeed the natives wrote backward, with the letters invertinformed me that the species were not | ed and with her left hand. Not knowbad themselves, and why should they be | ing whether to attempt a correction of when they are so closely related to the the habit, the teacher sent for Dr. I. N. crabs? They have a curious way of catch- | Hamilton, one of our prominent physical ing big spiders on the Amazon. They cians and President of the Board of Edare huge tellows, sometimes six inches ucation, who tested her thoroughly with across, with great hairy bodies and legs, figures, pictures, reading and writing, in the sand, and often dart out and pite | skilful with her books in any position, the feet of horses or mules as they are passing along, and if it don't kill the | ticularly noticed her peculiarity, but exis written on the face of this sun-scorched animal the hoof comes off. So when country, and such few strips of fertile the natives want the spiders they jar the land as the Nile reaches in its flood are ground near the nest, then drop a piece most remarkable case of the kind of of wood or stone in, suspended from a population which they support. It is string; this is seized in a rage by the curious to note with what religious care spider, that is jerked out and killed before it knows where it is. I suppose I have tried fifty kinds of insects as food,

"In Mexico I have caten the honey land that can be cultivated is coaxed to ant, one that gorges itself until its abdoyield its burden of beans or doura, and men looks like an amber globe, so distended is it with honey. They are served in this way for dessert and are very fine. In the Northwest I have been entertained by the Indians with dried earth worms, not at all bad when you acquire the taste for them. The Indians of some tribes collect thousands and dry them for winter use, and in many countries worms are esteemed. In some of the Pacific islands a sea worm is eaten, and when it first appears is collected and sent to the king with much ceremony, and great feasts are held during the time. In some parts of Africa shaggy locks of his unturbaned nead. a sort of May fly is collected and made into a very nice bread. At certain seasons they appear in such vast numbers that they are swept up by the bushel, and when flying the air is completely filled with them, so that it seems to be "Did you ever eat a dragon fly? No?

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me in confidence. I stick to it yet, it was fine. Every hunter knows that puma is a royal dish

when we sat down they brought in a platter with a steak on it about three feet long and two wide, and about an inch and three-quarters thick. And the odor! Ye gods and little fishes, but it was rapturous! Tom Haddon was carver, and after trying it he sent out for a knife that looked like a razor, and at last got it cut up. And that was the last of it. There wasn't a fellow bound to the rock, surrounded by water, but dying of thirst. I tried it, but the piece bounded from one jaw to another, like a rubber ball, so that I gave it up, but the flavor was sublime-in fact, it was all flavor. At last we called in Joe, the cook, and asked him what it was. And what do you think?" I gave it up. "Well, it was rhinoceros. It seems that some circus was going over the bridge and the rhinoceros had fallen through and broken his leg, and so they had to shoot it, and so Joe got the steak. It was good, but tough. We despise horse meat; but look at Paris. poorer people are glad to get it, but here our poor class are only satisfied with the very best. And so it goes. Come and

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see me next week, Monday," concluded

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ange and Outlandish Dishes - Sea is always somebody's daughter, sister, wife, mother. Their individual existence is not recognized. The most universally diffused organism in nature, the least size with which we are definitely acquainted, is so small that 50,000,000 of them could lie together in -100 square inch. The word dynamite comes from a Greek word meaning power. The explosive is composed of nitro-glycerine

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VIII., all foreign artificers were prohib-

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of many German tribes, if a stranger

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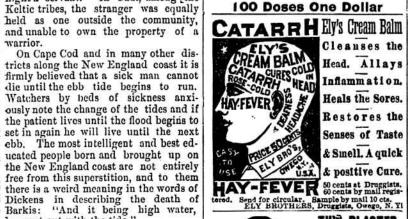
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